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The calam papers can start in the new year with the following list of subjects on which to base editorials: "The rich are getting richer; the poor poorer; the fool fooler; and the shortage in the Kansas treasury shorter."

Calamities.

Last fall when the mis-fits held their county convention, the pops in their platform, admitted that times were much better than they had been but claimed it was on account of the pop administration in Kansas. Now the calam papers claim that times are no better than formerly. Wonder if they have gone back on the administration?

Alfalfa and Calfir Corn.

Farmers of this vicinity have finally found out that calfir corn is one of the best crops for upland. Land will produce on an average from 30 to 40 per cent. more feed when planted to calfir corn than when planted to common Indian corn. The dry weather does not kill it out, nor does wet weather drown it out. There will be a large acreage of this crop planted next year. Alfalfa is also coming to the front as an upland crop; farmers who have raised it are well pleased with it. It is claimed that from two to three times as much stock will live on an acre of alfalfa than any other crop that can be raised. Many farmers near Fredonia and Cayville almost raise their hogs on alfalfa, and the farmers of the vicinity of Chautauque are beginning to experiment with it. The time to sow alfalfa is in the spring; the ground should be plowed well in the fall and winter and the seed sown in February or March, and if the season is favorable from one to two crops of hay can be cut from it the first year, or if it is wanted for pasture, stock can be turned on it by July or August.

Better Farming.

It is noticeable, that since boom days are past and people generally have come to know that "all common good has common price," Kansas has taken on an air of permanency. Houses are put up to live in and not necessarily to sell. Farmers are planting orchards and building barns and sheds for their stock with reference to fitness and use instead of to make them show up well in an application for a loan. Stock of all kinds is being bred up, and it is no uncommon thing for stockraisers to ship animals to places east of the Mississippi river for breeding purposes. Many of the fastest horses in the country are Kansas bred. Farmers are not running wildly into debt as they once did, and the entire business system seems to have been re-juvenated. Five years ago, three out of every four farms were for sale or trade for town property, while today, there is not one in ten of the Kansas farms on the market. Farmers are beginning to know that they are the true plutocrats; that the town people of Kansas depend almost entirely on the farmers for their living. Farm boys are learning that their lots are not so hard, and that while their week day clothes may be coarser than those of the town boy, they have the satisfaction of knowing they are paid for. Most of the farm boys own horses and buggies, and see as much or more pleasure than their city neighbors. Kansas is an agricultural state, and the people who are tillers of the soil are certainly in better conditions on an average than the wage earners who congregate in the town.

Pensioners.

The New York Sun, a few weeks ago, made another one of its assaults on the pensioners, claiming that a large percentage of the money expended for pensions was paid to persons who had no legal right thereto and demanding that a list of pensioners be published in each com-

munity so that those fraudulently drawing pensions could be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

The facts are that they have been published once; whenever a pension is allowed, it is published in the press dispatches and the local papers republish them, but let them be published. The friends of the boys who carried the guns are no more in favor of fraudulent pensions than their enemies. The soldiers themselves are ready and willing to help apprehend and prosecute impostors. But this talk of fraud is all poppycock; there is no department of the government but what is imposed on more or less, but the following from the National Tribune, a paper published in the city of Washington, and having access to all pension matters ought to convince the most skeptical that there is less fraud carried on in pension matters than any of which any record is kept, involving the expenditure of so much money.

"The following excerpt from the report of the Law Division of the Pension Bureau is full of meaning. It was made after all of Mr. Cleveland's prodigious efforts were in full operation and bearing fruit.

"The sum of \$20,982 has been refunded to the United States of which \$10,726.17 was recovered by eight civil suits.

"During the fiscal year there have been:

Recommendations for prosecution.....	242
Arrests of persons.....	82
Indictments found.....	239
Convictions had.....	107
Sentences imposed.....	166
Aquittals.....	58
Cases dismissed on nolle pros.....	47

"That is, among 975,000 pensioners whose pensions have been granted at various times over a period of 35 years, there has been 242 cases recommended for prosecution in which there were 167 convictions. That is, there were less than two frauds in every 10,000 pensioners. We can confidently challenge any other department of the public expenditures to make so excellent a showing as this after so crucial a trial."

Cross-road papers, whose editors are not in sympathy with pension matters, but who are too cowardly to come out and give their own opinions, clip from the dailies the articles which seem to meet their views. The fellow who begrudges the soldier his pension, would be the first to take to the brush if the country demanded his service to protect it from invasion without or rebellion within.

Cottage Corner.

J. W. Arthur bought some hogs at Masier's sale last week.

A. O. Grubb and wife took dinner with C. S. Nation and wife Sunday.

Chas. Gardner took a rest Christmas and ate turkey with his family.

"Doc" Reeves is down from K. C. spending holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Reeves.

W. H. Neyhard and Jesse Caruthers were helping C. S. Nation build some cattle sheds the first of the week.

John Harkness has about completed his house; he hopes to be ready to move therein in about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Plummer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ogburn and Mr. John Cooper and little daughter and Mrs. Mary Goover for Christmas dinner.

The wise farmer looks carefully over his hardware and implement stock during the winter months and then hies him to A. O. Grubb & Co's, and buys before the spring rush be-

Turkey Creek.

Tuesday Dec. 28, 97.—Happy New Year to all.

Mrs. R. Young was visiting Mrs. John Harkness Monday.

Bert Bass and his sister Miss Nellie was visiting with Harvey and Grace Lynch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clemens and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ewen.

Lon Clatfelter finished drilling a well 53 feet for John Harkness-Friday, with 30 feet of water.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Heilman, of Chautauque, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ewen Sunday.

E. P. Boodle and family and Mr. Linsy and family, of Rural ate dinner with Mr. R. Young and family.

Dr. J. H. Light assisted by Drs. Brown and Pollett yesterday performed a successful operation upon Mr. Al Grady for appendicitis. From Dr. Grady's residence in the country, it is learned that the patient is doing nicely.—Tribune 27 inst.

Resolutions.

Fredonia, Kan., Dec. 20, 1897. C. S. Nation, Dear Sir:—I enclose you a copy of the resolutions on the death of your sister which were adopted by the corps last Saturday.

W. R. C. Hall, Fredonia, Kan., Dec. 18, 1897. Whereas Death has again visited our corps and removed from our midst our secretary, Mrs. Flora May Swedgrass, who was respected for her efficient work in our corps. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to her orphaned children and bereaved mother and friends our sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That in memory of our departed sister our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days and a page of our record be set apart and that these resolutions be spread thereon, and that a copy be sent to her brother, editor of The Chautauque Times and the city papers.

Maggie Dornblaser }
Julia Stanley } Committee
Margaret E. Smith }

Some of our shoes are arriving and our shoe parlor will be ready in a week or so.—A. O. Grubb & Co.

United Brethren Church.

Corner of Skillman and Columbia streets. Preaching every Sabbath-morning and evening. Sunday school at ten o'clock. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. The Y. P. C. U. meets every Monday evening at 7:00. Strangers visiting the city, and all others visiting the city are cordially invited to attend these services; come and find a welcome in the home of the Lord.—Rev. W. S. Howell, Pastor, Rev. J. W. Banghman, Superintendent; Chas. Smith, Pres. Y. P. C. U.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1, the Santa Fe will sell round trip tickets to all points within 200 miles of Chautauque at one fare. Tickets good for return Jan. 4. Continuous passage in each direction.

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Dress Goods that were 25 cents, now 15 cents.

All Jackets and Capes that were \$2, \$15 and \$20, now \$10.

Those that were 10.00, now 7.50.

Two hundred boys' overcoats sizes 4 to 8 at \$1.50 each.

Our best Selz boots that were 3.50, for 3.00 a pair.

150 Childrens and Misses Rubber Strap Sandals, 10 and 20 cts.

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